

REMARKS

The Specification and Figures have been amended to correct minor editorial problems, which were previously discovered and corrected by amendment during prosecution of the parent application, Application Serial No. 09/544,373. Entry of these amendments and the above-indicated amendments to the claims prior to examination is courteously solicited.

CONCLUSION

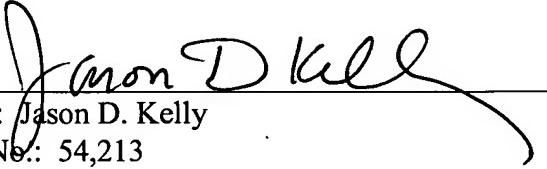
Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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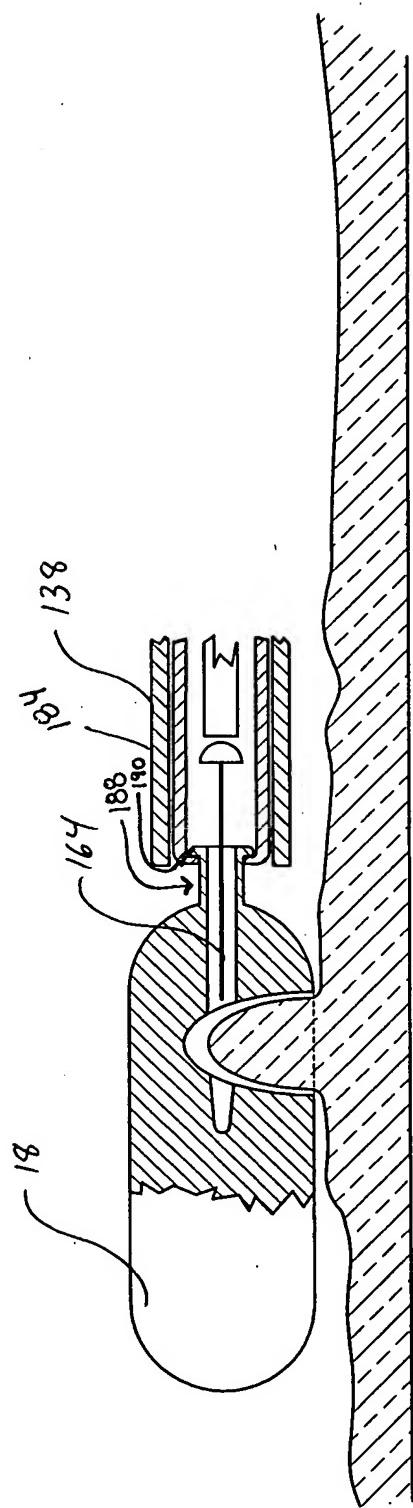
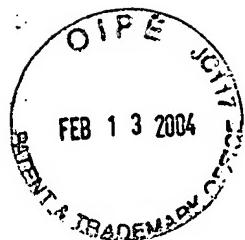


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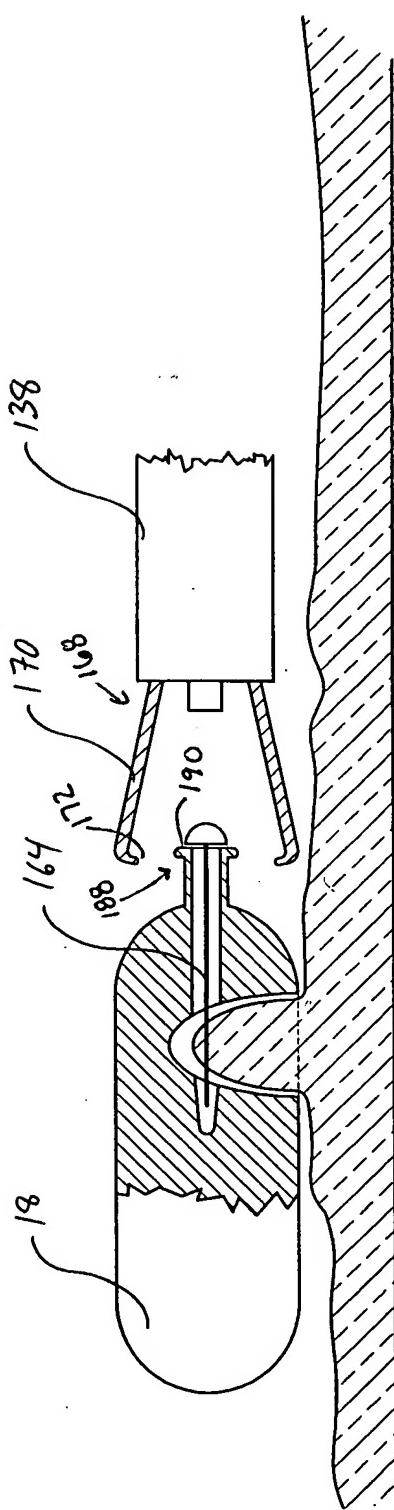


FIG. 14